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SUBJ: ENTENTE SUMMIT FINAL COMMUNIQUE

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1. COUNCIL OF ENTENTE CHIEFS OF STATE ONE-DAY SUMMIT MEETING IN LOME DECEMBER 8 WAS ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT EYADEMA, PRES. HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY OF IVORY COAST, PRES DIORI HAMANI OF NIGER, PRIME MINISTER GERARD OUEDRAOGO OF UPPER VOLTA AND DAHOMEY'S FOREIGN MINISTER, MAJOR MICHEL ALLADAYE.

2. AFTER TOUR D'HORIZON OF INTERNATIONAL AND AFRICAN PROBLEMS, MEETING FOCUSED ON PROBLEMS OF ENTENTE ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. FINAL COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED IN TOGO-PRESSE DECEMBER 10, RECORDS FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

A. STATUTES OF THE MUTUAL AID AND LOAN GUARANTY FUND WILL BE
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REVISED IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ITS LENDING CAPABILITIES, LOWER INTEREST RATES, EXTEND TERMS OF REPAYMENT, FINANCE STUDIES

FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND BUY SHARES FOR THE ACCOUNT OF MEMBER STATES IN INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES.

B. JOINT CONTRIBUTION TO ENTENTE FUND WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ANNUAL RATE OF 650 MILLION FRANCS CFA (DOLS 2.8 MILLION) FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS. FUNDS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR LOAN GUARANTEES.

C. CONSTRUCTION OF THREE HOTELS IN SECONDARY CENTERS IN DAHOMEY, IVORY COAST, AND TOGO APPROVED. (FYI IN THIS CONNECTION, HOTAFRIC WILL REPORTEDLY BUILD 100 ROOM HOTEL IN PLATEAU DE DAYES REGION.) REGIONAL TOURIST AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER TO BE ESTABLISHED IN OUAGADOUGOU.

D. SERIES OF SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE PROJECTS WILL MARK ENTENTE'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR.

4. COMMUNIQUE ALSO RECORDS THANKS OF CHIEFS OF STATE TO VARIOUS PRIVATE ENTERPRISES INCLUDING "AMERICAN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS" FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE TO SAHEL DROUGHT VICTIMS. (NO MENTION OF SAHEL RELIEF BY USG OR ANY OTHER DONOR GOVERNMENTS EXCEPT FOR AID FROM IVORY COAST, DAHOMEY, AND TOGO.).DICKINSON

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